

Preliminary Amendment
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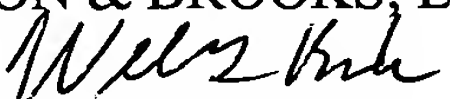
Claims 1-4 are pending in this application, of which claim 1 has been amended to clarify the language addressed by the Examiner in the Advisory Action dated December 16, 2005. "An electrical connecting portion" recited in claim 1 corresponds to items 11B-13B of FIG. 1 and items 22B-23B of FIGS. 2C-2E.

The above amendments are believed to place the claims in proper condition for further examination. Early and favorable action is awaited.

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